

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 2-25-63

Full Name KENNETH M. CORDS
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 5036 W. EASTWOOD CIRCLE

City CINCINNATI (27) State OHIO

Age 25 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion PROTESTANT Nationality U.S. (ANGLO-SAXON)

Occupation CLERK - SUPPLY DEPARTMENT - INTEL. SEC. BELL TEL. CO.

Education HIGH SCHOOL (POSSIBLY 1YR. COLLEGE)

Weight 160 Color CAUCASIAN Height 6'1"

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes BROWN

Outstanding characteristics or interests ALBINO BALDING IN FRONT

Married or single SINGLE Children NONE
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name NONE

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| Unit # | City | State | Office | Date Reg'd. | Date resigned |
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| TR00P 149 | MARIETTA | OHIO | S M. | 10-62 | 2-63 |

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Masturbation

Signed Basil F. Smith
Scout Executive

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED], POST 194, CINCINNATI, OHIO

In the interest of the Boy Scouts of America, my Advisor, and the boys of our Post 194, I hereby submit the following statement regarding Kenneth Cordes.

Several months ago Ken Cordes invited myself and four other boys to spend the weekend at the "Castle" in Loveland. When I got up in the morning I looked to see if Ken Cordes was up and I found him at the top of the Castle where he was sleeping with a boy named [REDACTED] (This is the boy who received publicity in the local newspapers regarding an episode at the Castle where he ran away). When I walked into the area where they were sleeping the night before, both Ken Cordes and [REDACTED] were laying flat on their backs and Ken was "jerking" [REDACTED] off. Ken was completely nude which was the way he always slept. [REDACTED] had his underwear on and Ken had his hand inside. In my association with Ken Cordes he always slept in the nude and always went swimming in the nude.

I have no personal knowledge of any boy in our Post ever having any type of an "affair" with Ken Cordes. To the best of my knowledge he never approached any of my friends and he never made any passes or gestures toward me.

I have been in contact with many boys who know Ken and they always kidded about the fact that they "suspected" that Ken was queer. The only boy that he ever slept with, including camp outs, was [REDACTED]. One weekend our Post was camping at Sunrise lake and Ken was supposed to help. He did not join with our Advisor and the other adults until the morning after the first night when he came to the camp about 10 AM with [REDACTED].

I haven't been in Ken Cordes' company in the past year. He has not participated in any of our Post activities for more than a year.

I give this statement of my own free will and accord to be used as a CONFIDENTIAL file for the Boy Scouts of America, and for no other purpose.

Sincerely submitted
[REDACTED]

Witnessed by:

Jack H. Llewellyn
JACK H. LLEWELLYN
Advisor, Post 194

June 12, 1963

Mr. Basil F. Starkey
Scout Executive
San Joaquin Council, No. 438

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Kenneth Cordes

Dear Ray:

Thanks for the additional information concerning Kenneth Cordes.

We will place it in his file.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB:mlh

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NO. 438
Boy Scouts of America

3007 VERNON PLACE

JEFFREY L. LAZARUS, President
RONALD L. DRAKE, Council Commissioner
BASIL F. STARKEY, Scout Executive

June 10, 1963

Mr. Howard Boyd
Director of Registrations
National Council, B.S.A.
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Howard:

The police department will not give me copies, but they did let me read today two signed statements by Kenneth Cordes. They are sufficient to bar him from Scouting.

Though you will not have the statements please file this letter in his folder for future reference.

Dated Cincinnati, Ohio, June 6, 1963.

Sincerely yours,


Basil F. Starkey
Scout Executive

BFS:PVG

CC: Region Four



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FEBRUARY 20, 1965

MR. BASIL F. STARKEY
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
DAN BEARD COUNCIL, No. 438

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
RE: KENNETH M. CORDES

DEAR BAY:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 14 AND THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT FROM KENNETH M. CORDES. WE HAVE PLACED THIS INFORMATION IN OUR FILE AND HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO HAVE HIS NAME DELETED FROM THE TROOP ROSTER.

ENCLOSED ARE THE CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEETS WHICH YOU REQUESTED AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FILLING ONE OUT FOR MR. CORDES AND RETURNING IT TO US. THIS INFORMATION WILL ENABLE US TO IDENTIFY MR. CORDES, WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY, SHOULD HE EVER AGAIN ATTEMPT TO REGISTER IN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM.

SINCERELY YOURS,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

HOWARD BOYD
DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION

HB:JW
ENCL.

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Boy Scouts of America

3007 VERNON PLACE

HENRY W. HOBSON, JR., President
RONALD I. DRAKE, Council Commissioner
BASIL F. STARKEY, Scout Executive

February 14, 1963

Mr. Howard Boyd, Director
Registration Service
National Council, B.S.A.
New Brunswick, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Howard:

I am enclosing for your records the resignation of Mr. Kenneth M. Cordes. He has worked his way into a number of units in this council and I think I have the complete list:

- Troop 183 - Assistant Scoutmaster
- Pack 690 - Assistant Cubmaster
- Post 194 & Post 50 - Associate Advisor
- Troop 149 - Scoutmaster

We request that he be placed on the confidential file but at this moment I do not have any supporting statements. Most everything is by word of mouth but there is promise. We did uncover enough, however, that we can no longer take the risk of continuing his Scouting affiliation. I had a session with him last night, of course, following our regular procedure of making no charges, but he told me why he thought we were taking this action and, of course, denied it. Through private sources I have found that his records of employment show at least one dismissal where homosexual tendencies were made a part of his record.

I believe that we will come up with something definite and concrete for you within a few days but in the meantime will you please delete his name from the records of the above units.

Incidentally, I hope we do not have a rash of these things but you can save us a little time and yourself some postage if you will send us about a dozen of the confidential record sheets.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely yours,

BSF
Basil F. Starkey
Scout Executive



BFS: PNC
Enc.

BROWN, BUTLER, CLEMENT AND HAMILTON FORMERLY OF CUB
BOONE, CAMPBELL, GALLATIN, GRANT, KENNEDY, PETER, ROSS, STELLINGSMA, T. R. TAYLOR



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February 13, 1963

Because of circumstances beyond my control, I hereby
tender my resignation from all Scouting activities.

Signed:

Kenneth M. Cordes
Kenneth M. Cordes

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Director of Registration

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